

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 829

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Larry Crumley upon being named Outstanding Farmer of the Year at the 2010 Farm Expo.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as agricultural leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crumley, one such noteworthy individual, was recently named Outstanding Farmer of the Year at the 2010 Farm Expo; and

WHEREAS, held in Kingsport, the Farm Expo is an annual celebration of this State's proud agricultural heritage and tradition; and

WHEREAS, a native of Carter County, Mr. Crumley was born January 6, 1949, to parents Charles and Velsie Crumley, who, along with providing him many fond and wonderful memories, instilled in him time honored values and principals at an early age; and

WHEREAS, a man of high character who possesses a strong work ethic, Mr. Crumley was raised on a farm near the Watauga River as a member of a large and loving family; and

WHEREAS, knowing that family is the backbone of any successful farming business, Mr. Crumley and his wife, Johnnie Crumley, together with several of his siblings and in-laws, have supported and operated an immense farming operation for decades; and

WHEREAS, along with the original family homestead, Mr. Crumley and his family have rented and leased several farms in Carter County, cultivating nearly 900 – 1,000 acres each year; at one time producing large amounts of tobacco, Mr. Crumley now raises only award winning beef cattle; and

WHEREAS, recognized numerous times for the superior quality of his livestock, Mr. Crumley has won several honors and distinctions, including Outstanding Livestock Producer of the Year in 1981, Cow-Calf Producer of the Year in 1984 and 1994, Outstanding Cattleman of the Year in 1990 and 1995, Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1981 and 1996, and the Carter County Cattlemen's Association Distinguished Service Award in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crumley is widely respected for his dedication to responsible farming as he endeavors to conserve natural resources while overseeing a profitable cattle operation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many personal conservation practices, Mr. Crumley is actively involved with organizations that strive to make improvements within the agricultural sphere; and

WHEREAS, holding several distinguished trade certifications, he has committed his singular skills and business acumen to a number of professional organizations, including serving as a member of the board of directors for Carter County Farm Bureau and the Natural Resource Conservation District, county committee member of Farm Services Agency, long-time member of both the American Angus Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and president of the Carter County Cattleman's Association; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of East Tennessee State University (ETSU), Mr. Crumley also spent a long and illustrious career as a teacher, administrator, and football coach in the Carter County School System for twenty-nine years, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues, staff, parents, players, and students for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable life, Mr. Crumley has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, a man of tremendous faith, Mr. Crumley is a devout member and trustee of Fairview Baptist Church, which he has served for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Larry Crumley is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Johnnie; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crumley is a man of true character and commitment, exemplifying dedication and leadership; he is admired by his fellow Tennesseans for his tireless efforts to

excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, not only in his farming practices, but also in the actions of his daily life; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the work of individuals such as Larry Crumley, Tennessee's farms enjoy a reputation for exceptional quality, productivity, and responsible stewardship of natural resources, and for his many contributions to this reputation, he should be applauded; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Larry Crumley upon being named Outstanding Farmer of the Year at the 2010 Farm Expo, salute his astute service to the good people of Carter County and Tennessee, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.